

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.22
Historic Name:	Mayo, Freeman Doane House
Common Name:	
Address:	1775 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	18-311
Year Constructed:	r 1840
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Stone, Cut



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FORM B - BUILDING

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 220 Morrissey Boulevard
 Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Assessor's
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18/311

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Area(s)

Form Number

22

Town

Eastham

neighborhood or village)

1775 State Highway

c Name

Present

Residential

Original

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Construction

Second Quarter of
the 19th Century

See Bibliography*

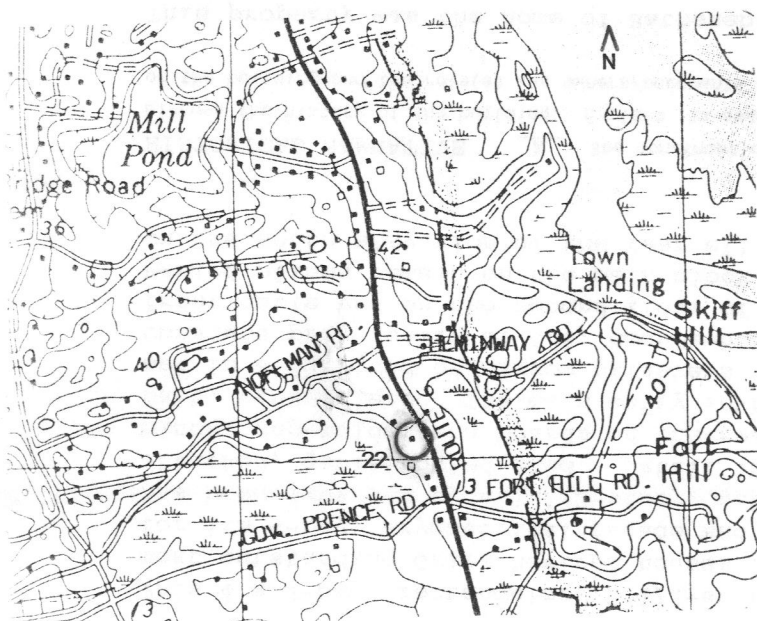
Form

Greek Revival

ect/Builder

or Material:

here. Indicate North.



Foundation

Cut Stone

Wall/Trim

Clapboard (Main Block)
Shingles (Rear Ell and Gable)

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Attached, Gable-roofed Shed

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition

Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage

.67 Acres

Recorded by: Dianne L. Siergiej

Organization: Commonweal Collaborative

Date: June 1995

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Setting Located in a densely-settled, mixed-use, but largely residential section of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod, inter-community thoroughfare, the former county road and a continuation of the original Old King's Highway.

BUILDING FORM

1775 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 4 x 3-bay, rectangular, 2 1/2-story, gable-end, dwelling is among the most outstanding Greek Revival houses in Eastham and is particularly unusual for its 4-bay, asymmetrical facade and its lack of alteration. The main block has been expanded by a 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed, rear ell leading to an attached, gable-roofed shed. Detail includes paneled pilasters on the main block, cap-molded end boards on the rear ell and pedimented gable with a 2-part, wide frieze. The main entry is hidden by double-leafed, louvered blinds set in a surround of narrow pilasters supporting an entablature. Fenestration consists principally of 6/6, double-hung sash, but 9/6, sash exist in the front gable and on the second floor of the rear elevation of the main block. Period blinds remain on the main block and rear ell. The rear entry located on the south elevation of the rear ell consists of a 6-panel wooden door.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This property was the home of Bathsheba Smith (b. Eastham, 1802; d. Eastham, April 12, 1882) and Freeman Doane Mayo (b. Eastham, July 20, 1802; d. Eastham, June 16, 1888), a farmer. He was the son of Rebecca Doane and Captain Matthew Mayo whose house (not extant) was located nearby. The Mayo Family were largely mariners and many lost their lives in the dangerous occupation. Freeman D. Mayo's grandfather, Thomas Mayo died in Havana. His father, Captain Matthew Hopkins Mayo, a noted local hero for having escaped capture by the British during the Revolutionary War, was lost at sea with his entire crew after sailing from Norfolk, Virginia on January 8, 1832. Freeman Mayo's uncles, Seth, Thomas and Nathaniel Mayo all died in foreign ports.

Freeman D. Mayo is noted in Lowe's history for having rescued John Fulcher, a cabin boy of the English brig *Margaret* which was wrecked off the Nauset shore. Freeman Mayo found the boy washed up on the beach lashed to the mast. Fulcher survived. He took a job at the nearby farm of Ezekiel Doane, and in 1859 married the Doanes's daughter, Josephine. They remained in Eastham living on Governor Prentice Road.

Freeman Mayo's son, Matthew, was lost at sea in 1854 at age 25. A small gravestone in Matthew's memory existed on this property until the death of his mother, Bathsheba Mayo when it was moved to the family plot. Freeman Mayo's other son, Joseph Freeman Mayo (b. February 18, 1827; d. March 21, 1900), survived many perilous episodes as a mariner to retire to Eastham in 1884. Often away for two to three years at a time, he was involved in trade with the West Indies, Europe, South America, South Pacific and the Far East. His favorite command was the *C. S. Bushnell* the largest 3-masted schooner afloat when launched from Warren Nettleton's boat yard in Fairhaven in 1863.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 X Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

It was subsequently changed to a barkentine. In later years, Captain Mayo engaged the *Busnell* in the Mediterranean fruit trade with his family on board for the voyage.

Joseph Freeman Mayo inherited this house from his father in 1888 (Docket No. 9770). Joseph and Bathsheba Smith Mayo sold a portion of their property in 1842 for \$2,500, to Sally Smith, an unmarried sister of Bathsheba Mayo. Her house was next door at 1705 State Highway.

Joseph Mayo married Ellen Hall (b. 1802; d. 1882), who had been betrothed to his brother, Matthew. Notes in the research file are somewhat confusing, but it appears that title passed to their sons, Edwin S. Mayo and Joseph E. Mayo in 1900 (Docket No. 12956). Joseph F. Mayo also bequeathed use of the lower half of his house to his sisters, Louisa (b. 1831) and Sarah Mayo (1837-1912), through their natural lives. Edwin S. Mayo and Joseph E. Mayo sold the property to Heman E. and Stella L. Mahoney in 1921.

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1775 State Highway
Eastham

Area Form No. 22



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Community: Eastham
Property Address: 1775 State Highway

Area Form No. 22

National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement

Check all that apply:

☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district
☐ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by: Dianne L. Siergiej
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The property at 1775 State Highway is significant on a local level with regard to the above-referenced criteria as a remarkably unaltered representation and one of two outstanding, local examples of a large, gable-end, pedimented, Greek Revival house in Eastham, a community typically of small residences.

Original yellow form: Eligibility file _____
Copies: Inventory form X _____
Town file(w/corresp.) _____
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NR director _____

EAS.22

Community: Eastham

MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Received: 10/16/95

Date Due:

Date Reviewed: 12/6/95

Type: X Individual

 District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name:

Inventory Form: EAS.22

Address: 1775 State Highway

Requested by: Eastham Historical Commission

Action: X Honor ITC Grant R & C Other:

Agency:

Staff in charge of Review: AJ

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

X Eligible
 Eligible, also in district
 Eligible only in district
 Ineligible
 More information needed

DISTRICTS

 Eligible
 Ineligible
 More information needed

CRITERIA: A B X C D

LEVEL: X Local State National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by Allen Johnson

1775 State Highway, a 4- x 3-bay, 2 1/2-story Greek Revival house, is unusual in Eastham for its scale and for its exceptional state of preservation.